

THE

# AGASSIZ WHISTLER

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## MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL MTNG.  
Wed., Sept. 8th, 8:00 p.m. in  
school library

AGASSIZ COOPERATIVE KINDERGARTEN  
MEETING, Wed., Sept. 15th, 8:15  
p.m. at K. Washburn's, 89 Wendell  
St.

AGASSIZ COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP MTNG.  
Monday, Sept. 20th, 7:45 p.m. at  
the North Church.

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING  
GROUP - Design workshop and cook-  
out at Sacramento Field Sat. Sept.  
11th, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Everyone  
welcome.

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## AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again everybody. The after-  
school program will begin Monday,  
Sept. 13th and it looks like  
another busy year. Annie Lawrence  
and Steve Brion will be back with  
us this year, plus work-study  
students and special teachers yet  
to be scheduled. This will be only  
the second year of our day-care-  
type, fee paid afternoon program,  
so here's a review of the details.  
Please read this carefully folks.  
All your cooperation is necessary  
to make the program work.

All children attending the Agassiz  
School or living in the neighbor-  
hood are eligible to register in  
the program .

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## AGASSIZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The first Community Council mtng.  
for the school year (1976-77) will  
be on Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at  
8:00 p.m. in the school library.

This meeting was specially sched-  
uled to make it close to the open-  
ing of school, but in every other  
case Community Council Meetings  
are held on the first Wednesday  
of every month

The Council is open to everyone  
living in the Agassiz Neighborhood.  
To quote the recently re-written  
council by-laws, the goals of  
the Council are "to make itself  
known to the entire neighborhood  
and to foster activities in which  
local people identify their in-  
terests, problems, needs and  
methods of dealing with them;  
furthermore, the Council hopes  
to provide coordination and co-  
hesion for the various Community  
School activities and act as a  
resource for conflict resolution  
if necessary."

Traditionally the Council has  
overseen all community school  
operations and has been in-  
volved in issues such as: neigh-  
borhood zoning, space problems  
at the Agassiz School, special  
community events and projects,  
and long range community plan-  
ning. At present, a part of each  
Council meeting is set aside for  
the Agassiz Police-Community Task  
Force to discuss issues relating  
to traffic and local crime, etc.  
The full agenda for the Sept.  
Council Meeting appears on the  
following page.

AGASSIZ COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 8th

- 1) Final review and vote on the revised Agassiz Community Council By-Laws
- 2) Review of Police-Community Task Force activities and goals for the coming year.
- 3) Community School business: review of fall program, planning for release days.
- 4) Review of progress by Planning Group on Sacramento Field changes.
- 5) Introduction of new Cooperative Kindergarten teacher.

We hope to see a lot of new faces along with our steady, supportive "regulars" this year. So, save Wednesday, Sept 8th.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS, CONT.

All children participating in the program MUST BE REGISTERED during the registration period preceding each 12 week term (3 terms in one school year). During this period, parents must decide the number of afternoons, either exactly or on-the-average, each child will attend the program each week. These days should be marked on the registration form (last page of this Whistler), and the corresponding fee paid before the start of each term. The rates are:

- \$30.00 - 5 afternoons
- 25.00 - 4 afternoons
- 20.00 - 3 afternoons
- 15.00 - 1 or 2 afternoons

This is like a registration fee. You pay it at most 3 times a year. It is, however, critically important that you do pay it each term and that you estimate your child's use of the program fairly, since this money pays our staff and without our staff we cannot run an interesting, open-ended program for 60-80 children every afternoon.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS CONT.

Partial scholarships are always available for families who need them. We'll be glad to discuss this with you during registration week.

The first registration period runs from Tuesday, Sept. 7th through Friday, Sept. 10th.

During this week you can bring the registration form and payment to the Community School Room from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or mail it to the Agassiz Community School Program, 28 Sacramento St., Camb., Mass. 02138.

Ken Basler is the Community School Coordinator and Julie Snow is the Community-liason person, and you can meet either or both of them at school during registration week.

THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PHONE IS  
876-9268

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- 1) The program runs from 2:30 - 5:00, Monday - Friday. Children must be picked up by 5:30
- 2) The program is closed on snow days and holidays. (Release days present special problems which will be discussed at the Sept. Council Meeting).
- 3) This year NO FOOD will be allowed in the program. Last year there were too many problems between the haves and the have-nots and candy eaters versus the fruit-from-home eaters. This policy will also help discourage the corner store temptation.
- 4) No child may leave school grounds unless accompanied by a staff person. Outdoors this means the back playarea not the front of the school or the Tot-Lot.

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5) Unfortunately, last year we had too many problems with theft. This year, please encourage children to leave money and treasured items at home or give the item to one of the staff to be put in a special "safe drawer" while attending the program.

Thanks for reading all this. The exact afternoon program schedule hasn't been finalized, but will be posted during registration week. For families new to Agassiz we always have quiet activities in the library, free play in the Community School Room, Sports in the gym or outside. Special activities such as gymnastics, science, pottery, photography, etc. will also take place during the week

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AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GROUP

During the summer period the Agassiz Community School won an honorable mention in the Quality Of Life competition sponsored by the Camb. Arts Council. Our entry dealt with needed renovations at Sacramento Field and is being shown with the other winning entries in the former Camb. Gas Co. offices, Central Sq., Camb. If you are in the Central Sq. area stop in and see the show.

Although there was no money awarded for an honorable mention we have been able to use the services of Jeff Oberdorfer, a community designer hired by the Arts Council to help community groups such as ours. Jeff has spent July and August working with a number of Agassiz residents on a presentation to the City Council and Block Grant people for funds to carry forth the necessary renovations needed to turn Sacramento Field into the open space facility this area sorely needs.

The next step in the process is to get

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your ideas. What would you like to see happen to Sacramento Field? On Sat., Sept. 11th there will be a design workshop with Jeff Oberdorfer at Sacramento Field from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to discuss your ideas and put them together into one plan. This piece of property is the only open space in the neighborhood suitable for active play and with proper development could be used by all ages. Come and share your ideas. Remember, Harvard would like to build 60 units of luxury housing on the same site. There will be a discussion of this project at the Sept. 8th Council Meeting.

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EVENING PROGRAMS

The EVENING PROGRAM will begin in October (except for the Little Orchestra, which will begin its open rehearsals - Mondays, 7:30-9:30 - on Mon. Sept. 13th) Watch the October Whistler for the Fall evening schedule

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CLASSIFIEDS

Two year old child needed for playgroup, part-time (20-25 hours a week) Sept.-June. For more info call Keene or Margeret 491-0382

Julie Snow will be singing a night of her songs at REFLECTIONS (on Mt. Auburn St. Thursday, Sept. 16th at 9:00